

Like Harry S. Truman, another Missourian, Mr. Buckles had to manipulate the rules to enlist during World War I. Truman had to memorize an eye chart; at age 16, Mr. Buckles had to exaggerate his age. Private Buckles joined the Army and was detailed to the 1st Fort Riley Casual Detachment. He soon arrived in theater where he saw duty as an ambulance driver in England, France and Germany. During part of the conflict he was assigned the responsibility of guarding German prisoners and returned home with the rank of Corporal.

Nearly 4,744,000 Americans defended their country abroad during World War I, and 116,000 made the ultimate sacrifice. After the war, the compassionate people of Greater Kansas City raised enough money in 11 days to build the Liberty Memorial. At the dedication of the Liberty Memorial, General of the Armies John J. Pershing, Commander of the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I, stated: "The memorial also symbolizes the obligation that rests upon present and future generations to preserve that for which those men and women offered their all, and from many of whom the supreme sacrifice was accepted. May their memory live on, and may every American who looks upon this noble edifice be inspired by their devotion."

We were naive in those days to think that World War I would be the last World War. Mr. Frank Woodruff Buckles saw the Second World War first hand as well. As a civilian he was employed by the White Star steamship line. While working in Manila in 1941, the Japanese forces attacked and took him prisoner. Three and a half years later he was freed by the 11th Airborne Division and returned to the United States.

Mr. Buckles' presence at the Liberty Memorial on Memorial Day is a reminder to all Americans that our country has been repatriated by the sacrifices of our veterans. Memorial Day is our national holiday of mourning intended to honor those who valiantly served our great Nation. As we gather in honor of generations of Americans who lost their lives in battle, we turn to our veterans to extend our gratitude, and bow our heads in memory of comrades lost.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to please join me in saluting Mr. Frank Woodruff Buckles, a true American patriot, and all of our veterans who died in service, and those who survived to make America a better place to live.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. KENNY C. HULSHOF

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. HULSHOF. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman KENNY HULSHOF.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Aircraft Procurement, Air Force, Budget Activity 02, Airlift Aircraft, C-17.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Boeing Company.

Address of Requesting Entity: The Boeing Company, P.O. Box 516, St. Louis, MO, 63166.

Description of Request: The C-17 is the world's most effective and flexible strategic/tactical airlifter. The C-17 has revolutionized the movement of troops and equipment into battle by allowing their delivery to parts of the world that were previously not accessible by conventional airlifters. As per Air Force Unfunded Priority List (UPL) #6, C-17 (+ 15 aircraft), \$3.9B, procures 15 C-17s, keeping only active strategic airlift production line open (and part of "required" force as per this UPL).

#### SENSE OF HOUSE REGARDING FORMER FOSTER CARE YOUTH

SPEECH OF

### HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume. I rise today to ask my colleagues to support H. Res 1208.

This resolution is very simple. It recognizes the many problems that face young people who spend time in foster care, and it thanks the many others who work to ease their transition from foster care to adulthood and independence.

In Georgia, there are thousands of children in foster care. Living in foster care is not a choice. These young people—of all race, ages, and backgrounds—were victims of neglect and abuse. Child welfare services share a common goal of finding safe, stable, and loving homes for these young people. Unfortunately, this dream is not always realized.

I have the privilege to serve on the Ways and Means' Income Security and Family Support Subcommittee chaired by my friend and colleague, Mr. McDERMOTT. Last year, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. McDERMOTT) invited two young people from my congressional district to testify about what it is like to transition from foster care to adulthood.

Anthony Reeves and Sherena Johnson both "aged-out" of Georgia's foster care system. They shared with us how difficult it is to find housing, health care, education, livable wage jobs, security, and stability. At a young age, when most are still relying on financial and emotional support from their parents and family, these young people had no one to fall back on. Mr. Speaker, these are the stories that break your heart.

Today, we honor those like Anthony, Sherena, and Kevin Brown—a recent Clark Atlanta University graduate—who are determined to find their way despite so many obstacles before them. We also pay tribute to the mentors, the volunteers, the parents, organizations, and many others who fill in the gaps in Federal and State coverage to help these young people during the most difficult times.

Most importantly, this resolution sends a message to the half a million young people currently in the foster care system. Congress tells them, "You are not alone. We love you; we support you. You are not forgotten; there is hope. You will survive, and you will succeed."

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I urge all of my colleagues to support this very simple resolution.

#### EXTENDING PROGRAM RELATING TO WAIVER OF FOREIGN COUN- TRY RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT WITH RESPECT TO INTER- NATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES

SPEECH OF

### HON. JOHN M. McHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. McHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5571, which provides a 5-year extension of the Conrad 30 J Waiver Program. That program is of critical importance to my constituents and to our Nation as a whole because it provides a mechanism whereby doctors can be provided to medically underserved areas.

I have the privilege of representing New York State's 23rd Congressional District, a predominantly rural region which encompasses 14,739 square miles in 11 counties in northern and central New York. It is breathtakingly beautiful and contains national treasures such as Lake Champlain, the St. Lawrence River, Lake Ontario, and the Adirondack Mountains. However, it has a 13.5 percent poverty rate and some have characterized it as remote.

One of our greatest challenges is recruiting and retaining physicians. In fact, given its importance to our economy and quality of life, that challenge is almost always raised whenever I meet with the fine men and women who serve as local elected officials, business community leaders, or health professionals.

The Conrad 30 J Waiver Program is an invaluable tool in our effort to meet that challenge. In fact, since 1996, my office has helped secure waivers for 46 doctors, including 7 primary care physicians located in 6 of the 11 counties I represent. While these doctors have helped immensely in our effort to address our physician shortage, I am hesitant to imagine a scenario where we did not have the Conrad 30 J Waiver Program.

Accordingly, I greatly appreciate the work the Gentlewoman from California (Ms. LOFGREN) and the Gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS) have done to bring this measure to the floor and look forward to its enactment.

#### HONORING CONGRESSIONAL CER- TIFICATE OF MERIT RECIPIENT KARLYNDA JOHNSON

### HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the successes and achievements of Karlynda Johnson, who has received the Congressional Certificate of Merit award at Killeen High School in Killeen, Texas. Karlynda has shown exceptional leadership qualities through her involvement in numerous activities which makes her a great candidate for this award.

Karlynda is involved in numerous volunteer activities such as Camp Celebration, the City of Nolanville, and she is a Book Room volunteer at her school. On top of all of her volunteer activities, Karlynda is one of the top students in her class of 385.